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March 6, 2014

Call to order, introduction of Board members, and announcements

Chairman N. Scott Phillips called the meeting of the Baltimore County Planning Board to order at 4:00 p.m. The following members were:

Present

Mr. N. Scott Phillips
Mr. Jonathan Herbst
Mr. Scott Jenkins
Ms. Nancy Hafford
Mr. Mark Schlossberg
Mr. Wayne C. McGinnis
Ms. Christina Berzins
Mr. Eric Lamb
Mr. Howard Perlow
Mr. Jeffrey Gordon
Mr. C. Scott Holupka
Mr. Lawrence Vincent

Absent

Mr. Rainier C. Harvey, Sr.
Mr. Paul Miller
Mr. Randy Thompson

County staff present included Andrea Van Arsdale, Jeff Mayhew, Curtis Murray, Lynn Lanham, Dave Green, Kathy Schlabach and Janice Graves from the Department of Planning.

Review of today's Agenda

There were no changes to the Tentative Agenda as published. A copy of the tentative agenda is filed as Appendix A.

Minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting

Mr. Schlossberg moved to accept the Minutes of the February 20, 2014 meeting as circulated. Mr. McGinnis seconded the motion, which unanimously passed at 4:03 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Miller, and Harvey, Sr.

Item for discussion and vote

1. FY2015 – FY2020 Capital Improvement Program (CIP)

Mr. Phillips turned the Board's attention to Mr. Herbst, CIP Committee Chair to provide the FY2015 – FY2020 Capital Improvement Program committee report.

Mr. Herbst presented the following:

- The Planning Board Capital Improvement Budget and Program process for FY 2015 to FY 2020 began on October 17, 2013 with the Citizen Input Meeting held before the Planning

Board. The Board heard from 57 citizens, verbally and in writing, who expressed their concerns relating to capital improvements for their communities.

- County Executive Kevin Kamenetz made a presentation to the Planning Board on January 16, 2014. In his remarks, Mr. Kamenetz stated that the administration's capital funding priorities are public education, safety and maintenance of the county's infrastructure.
- At two separate work sessions, county agencies presented their capital budget requests to the Capital Improvement Program Committee. Members received reports from the county agencies detailing their capital improvement accomplishments and funding priorities.
- The Department of Planning presented the staff's CIP recommendations to the committee on February 20th. After discussion, the CIP Committee accepted the staff recommendations for the FY 2015 Capital Budget and Five-year Program, and suggested several recommendations to be included in the Board's cover letter to the director of the Office of Budget and Finance.
- The letter requests that there be further discussions among the County administration, the County Public Schools and the community before a decision on the relocation of Halstead Academy students is made. In addition, should additional funds become available, the Board requests they be directed toward the following projects: A larger horse arena at the Maryland Agricultural Center, agricultural preservation, and expanded parking at the Seven Oaks Senior Center.

Mr. Herbst requested that the recommendations as contained in the committee report and the draft cover letter be adopted by the full Planning Board.

Mr. Phillips thanked Mr. Herbst for presenting the committee report and called for a motion to approve the FY 2015 Capital Budget and Five-Year program. Mr. Phillips advised that any discussion or amendments thereto would occur subsequent to the motion.

Ms. Hafford moved that that the Baltimore County Planning Board approve the FY 2015 Capital Budget and Five-Year program and accompanying cover letter, as recommended by the Committee on Capital Budget and Program, for transmittal to the Director of the Office of Budget and Finance. Mr. Jenkins seconded the Motion.

Mr. Holupka made the following quoted remarks, "I don't think additional funds should first be prioritized for Agricultural Preservation. While Community Development funds are being increased, my understanding is that almost all of this is being spent to develop homeless shelters on the east and west sides of the county. While such projects are necessary, they don't, to my mind, constitute community development. I would therefore suggest that additional funds be used for community development, to attract new residents to our existing communities, rather than spending the money to keep people from moving into the northern part of the county."

Mr. McGinnis commented that there are many projects that have been overwhelmingly approved by County voters each year. The approved projects are to help some of the areas and pockets that are surrounded by preservation efforts. Citizens think that there is a necessity for finishing the projects that have been started by the county and approved by the county over the years. Mr. McGinnis strongly suggested that it is important to fulfill this preservation obligation; the voters of Baltimore County have overwhelmingly approved it in every election.

Following the Board discussion, Mr. Phillips called for the vote. The motion to approve the FY 2015 Capital Budget and Five-Year program and accompanying cover letter passed at 4:14 p.m.

Mr. Holupka opposed and Mr. Vincent abstained. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Miller, and Harvery, Sr.

A copy of the FY2015 – FY2020 Capital Improvement Program report is filed as APPENDIX B.

2. Report from the February 26, 2014 Landmarks Preservation Commission Meeting

Mr. Murray referred the Board members to the written report of major actions from the February 26, 2014 Landmarks Preservation Commission Meeting contained in the notebooks.

A copy of the February 26, 2014 Landmarks Preservation Commission meeting report is filed as APPENDIX C.

3. Recent County Council Legislation of Interest to the Board

Mr. Murray advised the Board that there were three County Council legislative actions that may be of interest to the Board. Mr. Murray gave a brief explanation of the following Bills:

- Bill 1-14 - Residential Development in C.C.C. Districts
- Bill 2-14 - A.S. (Automotive Services) Overlay District
- Bill 3-14 - Zoning Regulations – Signs

A copy of the recent legislation of interest is filed as APPENDIX D.

Adjournment of the Board meeting

Mr. Jenkins moved to adjourn the Board meeting. Mr. Schlossberg seconded the motion, which unanimously passed at 4:18 p.m. Absent were Messrs. Thompson, Miller, and Harvery, Sr.

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